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SUBJECT: SELECTION OF NATO CANDIDATE FOR COMMITTEE ON  
DISARMAMENT

REFS: (A) STATE 227267

- (B) GENEVA 12461 (NOTAL)
- (C) STATE 217664 (NOTAL)
- (D) STATE 224566
- (E) PARIS 28924 (NOTAL)

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- (F) STATE 206907 NOTAL)
- (G) USNATO 82,, (NOTAL)
- (H) BONN 16496

1. SUMMARY. WE WOULD LIKE TO ENGAGE SECRETARY GENERAL  
LUNS IN INFORMAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE RAPID ALLIANCE  
AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE NATO CANDIDATE FOR ADDITION TO

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT (CD).  
AMBASSADOR IS REQUESTED TO PRESENT ISSUE TO LUNS AND  
SEEK HIS COOPERATION. END SUMMARY.

2. WE SHARE UK CONCERN, REPORTED REF A, THAT ABSENCE OF AN  
AGREED UPON NATO CANDIDATE AGGRAVATES PROBLEM OF ASSURING  
THAT ONE NATO COUNTRY IS AMONG THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS  
SELECTED FOR THE CD AND RAISES THE RISK OF NATO BEING  
SQUEEZED OUT." BY DELAYING COMPLETION OF THE SELECTION

PROCESS, IT COULD ALSO PUT INTO JEOPARDY THE DELICATELY  
BALANCED FORMULA FOR CONSTITUTING THE CD WORKED OUT IN  
THE CLOSING HOURS OF THE UN SSOD. IF A SLATE HAS NOT  
BEEN LARGELY COMPLETED THROUGH INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS BY  
THE TIME THE 33RD UNGA OPENS SEPTEMBER 19, SELECTION  
PROCESS WILL LIKELY BECOME LESS CONTROLLABLE AND THERE MAY  
EVEN BE EFFORTS TO REOPEN TERMS AGREED UPON AT THE SSOD.  
FINALLY, THE LONGER THE ISSUE OF A NATO CANDIDATE RE-  
MAINS UNRESOLVED, THE GREATER THE RISK THAT IT WILL  
BECOME A DIVISIVE ISSUE, OR AT LEAST AN IRRITANT, WITHIN  
THE ALLIANCE.

3. IN VIEW OF CONSIDERATIONS ABOVE, HE WISH TO ENGAGE  
SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS IN INFORMAL EFFORT TO ACHIEVE  
RAPID ALLIANCE AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE NATO CANDIDATE.  
WE WOULD LIKE TO DO THIS IN TIME TO FORESTALL DEBATE  
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ON CHOICE OF A NATO CANDIDATE, IF SUBJECT OF CD MEMBER-  
SHIP COMES UP AT PE, MREP LUNCH SEPT. 12 (REF G ).  
PRESENT SITUATION, AS WE SEE IT, IS AS FOLLOWS:

A. BELGIUM, NORWAY, DENMARK ARE ACTIVE CANDIDATES,  
EAGERLY SOLICITING SUPPORT FROM OTHER NATO COUNTRIES.

B. TURKEY AND GREECE HAVE DECLARED THEIR CANDIDACY BUT,  
TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, HAVE NOT BEEN ACTIVE IN SEEKING  
SUPPORT. PROBLEM OF HAVING ONE BUT NOT THE OTHER IN  
THE CD PROBABLY RENDERS BOTH OF THEIR CANDIDACIES  
UNREALISTIC.

C. OUR READING OF VIEWS OF OTHER INTERESTED ALLIES IS  
AS FOLLOWS:

-- DUTCH HAVE OPENLY ENDORSED BELGIUM (REF B, BEING  
REPEATED TO USNATO).

-- UK IS INFORMALLY LEANING TOWARD BELGIUM (REF C)  
AND SEES BELGIUM AS CANDIDATE MOST LIKELY TO BE  
ABLE COMMAND ALLIANCE-WIDE SUPPORT (REF A).

-- FRG HAS DO STATED PREFERENCE, PRIVATELY PREFERS BELGIUM, AND, LIKE UK, BELIEVES BELGIANS HAVE BEST CHANCE OF GAINING ALLIANCE SUPPORT (REFS A, D, AND H).

-- FRANCE HAS DISSOCIATED ITSELF FROM SELECTION PROCESS BUT PRIVATELY PREFERS BELGIUM (REF E).

-- ITALY PREFERS BELGIUM (REF A).

-- CANADA SUPPORTS NORWAY (REF A).

D. US POSITION: WE HAVE NO PREFERRED CANDIDATE BUT SEE BELGIUM AS MOST LIKELY ALLIANCE CHOICE. WE ATTACH CONFIDENTIAL

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GREAT IMPORTANCE TO HAVING A NATO COUNTRY AMONG THE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS SELECTED FOR THE CD AND BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO PRECIPITATE A CONSENSUS WITHIN NATO AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: AMBASSADOR SHOULD PRESENT TO SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS OUR VIEW OF THE PROBLEM AND OUR READING OF POSITIONS OF OTHER NATO MEMBERS (PER PARAS TWO AND THREE ABOVE) AND REQUEST LUNS TO TAKE THE LEAD IN TRYING TO PRECIPITATE EARLY NATO AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE CANDIDATE. SPECIFICALLY, WE WOULD LIKE HIM URGENTLY TO CONSULT OTHER INTERESTED NON-CANDIDATES (UK, FRG, ITALY, FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, CANADA) TO SEE WHETHER CONSENSUS CAN BE ACHIEVED AND THEN SEEK WITHDRAWAL OF UNSUCCESSFUL CANDIDATES.

5. SINCE IDEA OF INVOLVING LUNS WAS SUGGESTED TO US BY BRITISH AND SINCE FRG HAS APPROACHED US ABOUT PROBLEM OF GETTING AGREEMENT ON A SINGLE NATO CD CANDIDATE, AMBASSADOR SHOULD ADVISE KILLICK AND PAULS BEFORE APPROACHING LUNS. WE ARE INFORMING UK AND FRG EMBASSIES HERE.

6. SEPTTEL WILL FOLLOW GIVING AMBASSADOR TALKING POINTS ON GENERAL US POSITION ON CD MEMBERSHIP FOR POSSIBLE USE AT PERMREPS' LUNCH (REF G).

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